

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 10076 261331Z

42

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 PM-03 SP-02 L-02 NSC-05 CIAE-00

INR-05 NSAE-00 RSC-01 EB-07 /051 W

----- 116481

R 261258Z NOV 74

FM AMEMBASY TEHRAN

TO SECDEF WASHDC

SECSTATE WASHDC 9196

INFO USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

DA WASHDC

CNO WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 10076

FOR SECRETARY ELLSWORTH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR

SUBJ: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION IN IRAN BY US CORPS OF ENGINEERS

REF: A. TEHRAN 9440 B. AMMAN 6822

1. OUR PURPOSE IN ADDRESSING QUESTION OF PROPOSED USE OF CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN IRAN WAS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE CRITICISM WE MIGHT FACE IF WE READILY AGREED TO IRANIAN REQUESTS FOR ARMY OR NAVY CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE WHEN THE US BUILDING INDUSTRY IS IN SUCH SAD SHAPE AND THERE ARE MORE AND MORE ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND CONSTRUCTION FIRMS SEEKING JOBS IN IRAN. ADDITIONALLY, WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONE US FIRM (GRUMMAN) OFFERED EITHER DIRECTLY OR AS A PARTNER WITH AN IRANIAN FIRM TO TAKE ON PREFABRICATED HOUSING JOBS FOR THE IRANIAN MILITARY. FIRM WAS RECENTLY INFORMED THAT GOI HAD DECIDED THAT IT WOULD RESERVE SUCH CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS EXCLUSIVELY FOR IRANIAN FIRMS. WE DOUBT THAT EXCLUSION OF US FIRMS WILL BECOME THE GENERAL RULE. WE NOTE THAT GENERAL ELECTRIC RECENTLY AWARDED \$60 MILLION CONTRACT FOR WORKERS HOUSING AT BUSHIRE SITE FOR GOI-JAPANESE PETROCHEMICAL PLANT. HOWEVER, IF OUR COMPANIES ARE GOING TO ENCOUNTER UNREASONABLE BARRIERS WE WOULD BE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO OFFER OFFICIAL MILITARY CONST-
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 10076 261331Z

RUCTION ASSISTANCE.

2. ENORMOUS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM SCHEDULED BY THE IIN POSES A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT PROBLEM. GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK AND PAUCITY OF QUALIFIED IRANIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO SUPERVISE PROJECTS, WE MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER SOME LIMITED INVOLVEMENT FOR USN CONSTRUCTION CORPS, ESPECIALLY IF IT WOULD HELP US FIRMS OBTAIN CONTRACTS. WE UNDERSTAND A USN CIVIL ENGINEERING TEAM IS TO CONDUCT A FIVE WEEK SURVEY IN IRAN WORKING WITH THE MAAG. IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH IIN OFFICERS, TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF THE MAAG AND NATURALLY MAKE NO COMMITMENTS OF OFFERS OF LONG-TERM CONSTRUCTION CORPS ASSISTANCE. AFTER THE SURVEY IS COMPLETED WE CAN EXAMINE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS THEY MIGHT HAVE FOR LIMITED CONSTRUCTION CORPS ACTIVITIES IN IRAN.

MIKLOS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING INDUSTRY, BUSINESS FIRMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MorefiRH
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974TEHRAN10076
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740343-0192
From: TEHRAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741110/aaaaaiar.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: A. TEHRAN 9440 B. AMMAN 6822
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 AUG 2002 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <19-Nov-2002 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION IN IRAN BY US CORPS OF ENGINEERS
TAGS: MASS, EINV, EIND, IR, US, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
To: DOD STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005